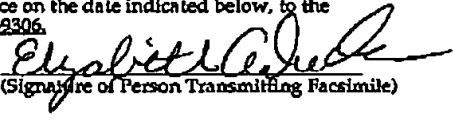


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In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract are provided on page 2 of the present response.